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In re Application of:

JOSEPH E. PASCENTE, ET AL.

Serial No: 08/526,433

Filed: September 11, 1995

Title:
METHOD OF PREVENTING
COMBUSTION BY APPLYING
AN AQUEOUS SUPERABSORBENT
POLYMER COMPOSITION; AND FIRE
RETARDANT ARTICLE INCLUDING
SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER

Group Art Unit: 1300 ✓

Examiner: James J. Bell

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 21, 1997, Applicants submit the enclosed Declaration of Joseph E. Pascente showing completion of the claimed invention, in this country, prior to the publication date of Canadian Patent 2,134,130 (prior to April 26, 1995). The publication date of the Canadian patent is less than one year prior to Applicants' filing date of September 11, 1995.

Since the enclosed Declaration eliminates the only rejection, it is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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